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Dear Editor,

We kindly request publication of the enclosed communique.

We probably do not need to emphasize that the matter covered by this communique is immensely important and that its content should be brought to the attention of all Polish emigres.

Thanking you in advance,

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with the authority of the  
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FREE POLAND COMBAT ORGANIZATION COMMUNIQUE Nr 25

Our enemy once again has turned to the perfidious method of forgery with the aim of leading emigre Poles into error, and of sowing disinformation and obstructing our battle for freedom, independence and democracy for the occupied Fatherland. The enemy has printed and distributed to addresses of our friends and opponents, to addresses of many Polish political activists both in the USA and Europe, "FREE POLAND, Special Report Nr 3", assuming our style and names but publishing in the report a series of information about alleged CIA and FBI agents, charging them with harming the Government of the Polish Republic in Exile and working against the forces of independence in Poland and abroad. The hoax is expertly done and the forgery can be unnoticeable to less knowledgeable persons. Therefore, despite the fact that the investigation has just been opened, we are careful to definitely and categorically state that our "Special Report Nr 3" will be issued shortly, whereas the presently circulated issue is a forgery, drawn up by the enemy and not by our organization.

Your attention is called to these essential points, which should alert readers: 1) Until now we have published only "Special Report": Nr 1 and Nr 2. Their recipients primarily were the American press and a group of select individuals. Some time later, the content of these special reports was published in the monthly, FREE POLAND. In this regard, "Special Reports" are published only in the English language. This time, the enemy, pretending to be us, published "Special Report Nr 3" in the Polish language, which in itself should arouse suspicion among readers. 2) Our "Special Reports" are printed in one color. The enemy has improved on this and given the Eagle as well as the title in red. In addition, the forgery is printed on both sides whereas we print "Special Reports" on one side only, using the offset method. 3) The letters "q" and "e" explicitly indicate the text was not written on our machine. 4) For distribution on this occasion, printed airmail envelopes were used, imitating the FREE POLAND letterhead on the envelopes, exactly matching our design. However, the job was botched and the envelopes used were of another size and another paper which markedly varies from ours. 5) The

envelopes were addressed directly by typewriter, whereas for distribution of "Special Reports" and our monthly publication, we use address labels - which in turn are typed on another machine. 6) The forgeries were sent with ZIP codes 10001 and 10007, which we never use. 7) A series of formulations were used in the content which never would have escaped from our pen. 8) In order to make the disclosure of names similar to our custom of giving file card record numbers, numbers from the letter series "W" were used, as are used by us exclusively for Poles. It did not occur to the enemy that if they are denouncing Americans, it would be necessary to change the letter series to another one. Only, they do not know to which, although the poor unwitting reader is taken in. We have considerably more, similar challenges but unfortunately publishing them can only improve the work of the enemy. Certainly, the enemy will benefit from the above points and issue better forgeries next time.

The enemy aims in this manner at leading the reader in general to not knowing what output from the FREE POLAND publishing house is genuine and what is forged. It is possible for us, however, to draw at least two conclusions from this forgery action: First - the enemy has painfully felt our activity, since he undertook such an expensive, time consuming and hazardous disinformation action. Second - despite issuing under our name and format, the enemy demasked himself. The enemy is mistaken if it thinks disclosure of CIA and FBI agents carried out by them under our aegis will lead to some sort of state of enmity between the American authorities and our organization. The intrigue, though woven with shadowy threads, is easily solved. And sending letters in envelopes imitating ours also has the additional shortcoming that all incorrectly addressed letters are returned to us. We have the pleasure of studying the mistakes of the enemy's letters and calculating how many did not reach their addressees.

The Combat Organization FREE POLAND will publish more information on this topic, immediately following conclusion of the investigation.

Independently of the above, we solemnly promise to repay the enemy, with the appropriate currency, for adopting such perfidious methods of disinformation.

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